

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Office Action states that the application is subject to restriction among nine groups of claims, which are defined as:

Group 1 (claim 1) is drawn to a method for determining regression or progression of cancer comprising assaying a patient for level of nucleic acid molecule which encodes Sp17, classified in class 435, subclass 6;

Group 2 (claims 2-4) are drawn to a method of generating Sp-17 specific immune effector cells *ex vivo*, classified in class 435, subclass 240.2;

Group 3 (claim 5) is drawn to *ex vivo* antigen presenting cells, classified in class 435, subclass 240.2;

Group 4 (claim 6) is drawn to isolated cytotoxic T cells, classified in Class 435, subclass 240.2;

Group 5 (claim 7) is drawn to a method of treating cancer comprising administering CTL, classified in Class 424, subclass 93.1;

Group 6 (claims 8-9) are drawn to a method of diagnosing cancer comprising assaying nucleic acid molecules encoding Sp17, classified in Class 435, subclass 6;

Group 7 (claims 10-12) are drawn to an immunoconjugate, classified in Class 424, subclass 178.1;

Group 8 (claims 13-14) are drawn to a method of treating cancer comprising administering an immunoconjugate, classified in Class 424, subclass 178.1; and

Group 9 (claims 15-16) are drawn to a method of imaging cancer cells, classified in Class 424, subclass 178.1.

For prosecution in this application, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 4 including original claim 6 and new claim 17, drawn to a method of generating Sp17-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes. This action is without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in related applications. Applicants submit that new claim 17 is properly included with the claim of Group 4, as it relates to the method for generating the cytotoxic T cell of claim 6; search and examination of this claim does not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Should any questions arise in connection with this Application, Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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